

# SESSION TWO

I Cor. 9

## Why Risk Change?

### What Do We Risk?

- PAIN
- Loss of people / friendships (you aren't losing them to the kingdom)
- Loss of money - Big givers may leave.
- Loss of your reputation - question motives (Better than sacrificing mission)
- Loss of time, energy and effort
- Stress on your family
- Difficult conversations and meetings
- Loss of being loved - not goal God gave
- Loss of your JOB

Here is the problem: It is less painful to not grow and/or change than it is to change for the sake of growth!

2 COR. 9:19 - SLAVES TO EVERYONE

Paul's take: risking change is imperative because the effective communication of the gospel is at stake!

- The Principle: to make ourselves SLAVES to everyone
- The purpose: To WIN as many as possible (Some) URGENT
- The illustrations The Jews - The Gentile, the weak
- The priority: the GOSPEL (change gently)

### Why Change?

- Because our MISSION supersedes our church culture/traditions
- Because the MISSION can't change and CULTURE does change - therefore the way we carry out the mission MUST change To Jew become Jew - To Gentile become Gentile.
- Because clearly defining your mission, vision, values and processes will require change
- Because in the coming decades you must face deep, painful change or slow, painful death.

Our Mission: a plagiarized statement from Jesus - Matthew 28:18-20

The Main Command: To glorify God by making disciples

By:

- GOING
- BAPTISM - for public proclamation
- TEACHING - for life application

All Authority - Jesus  
OBEY EVERYTHING

Our Mission - More and Better Disciples

Your church is perfectly designed to get the results you are currently getting. If you are satisfied with the results, keep doing what you are doing. If you aren't - what are you going to do?

The Bible is relevant  
Methodology needs to be relevant